

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend independent claims 63, 69, 77, and 82.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-62. (Cancelled)

63. (Currently Amended) A method for receiving notifications for upcoming programs, comprising:

providing a user with the opportunity to select a program from a list of at least one program that will air outside a program listings time frame which is currently available to the user; and

providing a notification to the user of the availability of the selected program during when the selected program is now in the current program listings time frame.

64. (Original) The method defined in claim 63 further comprising displaying a list of programs for which a notification is to be provided.

65. (Original) The method defined in claim 63 wherein providing a notification includes providing an e-mail notification.

66. (Original) The method defined in claim 63 wherein providing a notification includes providing a message notification.

67. (Original) The method defined in claim 63 wherein providing a notification includes providing a reminder notification.

68. (Original) The method defined in claim 63 further comprising providing the user with the opportunity to setup a configuration of the notification.

69. (Currently Amended) A program guide system, comprising:

user equipment that is configured to provide a user with the opportunity to select a program from a list of at least one program that will air outside a program listings time frame which is currently available to the user, and is further configured to provide a notification to the user of the availability of the selected program when the selected program is now in the current program listings time frame.

70. (Original) The system defined in claim 69 wherein the user equipment is user television equipment.

71. (Original) The system defined in claim 69 wherein the user equipment is user personal computer equipment.

72. (Previously Presented) The system defined in claim 69 wherein the user equipment is further configured to display a list of programs for which a notification is to be provided.

73. (Previously Presented) The system defined in claim 69 wherein the user equipment is configured to provide an e-mail notification.

74. (Previously Presented) The system defined in claim 69 wherein the user equipment is configured to provide a message notification.

75. (Previously Presented) The system defined in claim 69 wherein the user equipment is configured to provide a reminder notification.

76. (Previously Presented) The system defined in claim 69 wherein the user equipment is configured to provide the user with the opportunity to setup a configuration of the notification.

77. (Currently Amended) In a user television equipment, a method for receiving notifications for upcoming programs, comprising:

providing a user with the opportunity to select a program from a list of at least one program that will air outside a current program listings time frame of user television equipment; and

displaying a notification of the availability of the selected program during when the selected program is now in the current program listings time frame of the user television equipment.

78. (Previously Presented) The method defined in claim 77 further comprising displaying a list of programs for which a notification is to be provided.

79. (Previously Presented) The method defined in claim 77 wherein displaying includes displaying a message notification.

80. (Previously Presented) The method defined in claim 77 wherein displaying includes displaying a reminder notification.

81. (Previously Presented) The method defined in claim 77 further comprising providing the user with the opportunity to setup a configuration of the notification.

82. (Currently Amended) A program guide system, comprising user television equipment that is configured to provide a user with the opportunity to select a program from a list of at least one program that will air outside a current program listings time frame of the user television equipment, and is further configured to display a notification of the availability of the selected program when the selected program is now in the current program listings time frame of the user television equipment.

83. (Previously Presented) The system defined in claim 82 wherein the user television equipment is further configured to display a list of programs for which a notification is to be provided.

84. (Previously Presented) The system defined in claim 82 wherein the user television equipment is configured to display a message notification.

85. (Previously Presented) The system defined in claim 82 wherein the user television equipment is configured to display a reminder notification.

86. (Previously Presented) The system defined in claim 82 wherein the user television equipment is configured to provide the user with the opportunity to setup a configuration of the notification.